

# The Baptist

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## Pastor's Seminar To Get Underway Monday Morning



DR. W. DOUGLAS HUGGINS



DR. WAYNE OATES

Final plans have been made for the Pastor's Seminar to be conducted next week at the First Church, Jackson.

The week of refresher study will get underway at 9 o'clock Monday morning, it has been announced by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, host pastor and director of the seminar.

Every Mississippi Baptist pastor and interested church worker has been invited to attend. There will be no charge whatsoever for the seminar, but those attending will be expected to provide their own entertainment.

The regular seminar schedule will be 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 4 p.m. Evening sessions, from 7 to 8:45, will be designed for the general public.

An outstanding faculty has been secured, including Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor First Church, Austin, Texas; Dr. Sydnor Stealey, president Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and Dr. Wayne Oates, associate professor of psychology of religion, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Hudgins, in announcing the seminar, makes the following statement:

"For eight years I have been wondering how the First Church, Jackson, could make the greatest contribution to the faithful pastors of our State and surrounding territory. Most of us feel the need of occasional special study and mental stimulation but few of us can ever take the time for the ordinary special courses in the various Seminaries. To keep pace with the ever increasing complexities of our demanding day is an ever-growing problem."

"This week's Seminar is our effort to answer this problem. Our church, in magnificent co-operation is providing all the expense incident to the provision of the faculty and the meeting place."

## Congregation Practices Golden Rule For 30-Day Trial Period

LANSING, Mich (RNS) — A minister who induced his flock to accept strict adherence to the Golden Rule for a 30-day trial period, assessed the results of the experiment here.

The Rev. William Hainsworth of Mayflower Congregational church "sold" the idea to his congregation on New Years Day. When January ended the red brick edifice's 150-seat auditorium was jammed not only with church members but with neighbors and other townsfolk who had heard about the project, tried it and wanted to testify to its success.

One woman said her husband had been so changed by applying the Golden Rule to his daily life that the experiment was going to be continued indefinitely in their household.

A worker in an engineering assembly plant said the 30-day application of the Biblical principle had made him "tolerant of one-time household calamities like burned toast and off schedule breakfasts."

"My wife thinks its wonderful," he said, "and I do, too."

A married couple testified that "by practicing in our daily living the principles set forth in this 30-day test of faith, we both derive spiritual encouragement and benefit." The couple added:

"We feel certain that one should observe the principles each future day and we both will do our best to fulfill this ideal."

Only ten members of the congregation were scheduled to tell of their experiences, but many more rose spontaneously and insisted upon testifying to the success of

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## Baptist Research

By SAMUEL W. SCANTLAN  
Some one has asked, "What is research?"

Dr. Charles F. Kettering once defined it: "To find out what we are going to do when we can no longer keep on doing what we are now doing."

We often resent outside criticism of ourselves, our churches or our denomination. We don't want anyone trying to tell us of our shortcomings, or maybe we should severely criticize ourselves.

Every pastor should do some research concerning his own ministry. Denominational workers should closely scrutinize their work. Why doesn't the program we have succeed? Does it need research? Are we always willing to

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## Dr. C. L. Quarles Elected President Of SBC Secretaries



DR. CHESTER L. QUARLES

Mississippi's Baptist Executive Secretary, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, was honored at the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Executive Secretaries at Biloxi by being elected President of the organization. Other officers elected were Dr. W. C. Boone, of Kentucky, Vice-President, and Dr. Noel Taylor, of Illinois, Recording Secretary.

The organization is composed of Executive-Secretaries of the 22 State Baptist Conventions.

Phoenix, Arizona, was selected for the 1955 Convention which will meet there February 8-11.

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## Record

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## Baptists Believe About Jesus

By Rev. Carmon Savell  
Peter declared on the day of Pentecost, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ," (Act 2:36), and so must all Baptists believe and declare.

We believe that Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary who was espoused to Joseph, even before she had ever known man, (Matt. 1:18, 20,23; Luke 1:26-35); that God himself was his father by means of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus was co-existent with God in the beginning; that He was with God in the creation of all things as shown in Gen. 1:26a and John 1:1-3,14; that he was the revelation of God's love to man and God's will for man (John 1:14; 3:16).

We believe that he became man, "Jesus of Nazareth, a MAN approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you. . ." (Acts 2:22); "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him." (Luke 2:40), to show to sinful man the way to God both by precept and example.

We believe that though he was thoroughly man yet he was divine, the only begotten Son of God full



REV. CARMON SAVELL

of grace and truth (John 1:14; 3:16); yet he lived without sin, "Jesus Christ the righteous", to become sin for us who himself knew no sin (2 Cor. 5:21).

We believe that he became the sin sacrifice for all men, effective personally to all who would believe; that he was crucified on the cross and died a natural physical death to pay man's sin debt because of the death penalty for sin; that he was buried and the third day was raised from the dead as was clearly proven to the disciples; that in forty days he ascended back into heaven to the Father to become our mediator, interceding to the

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## 306 Converts Reported In Panama Revival; Five Mississippians Lead

By DR. G. C. HODGE

Guatemala  
Sixteen pastors from Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas were requested to conduct revival meetings in the churches of Panama under the direction of the Home Mission Board during the first week in February. Those from Mississippi were, C. A. Alexander, Booneville; W. F. Davis, Flora; Carl Duck, Morton; E. D. Estes, Biloxi, G. C. Hodge, Biloxi.

Members of the party met in Mexico City. Our missionary in Mexico, Rev. Orville W. Reid, who is stationed about three hundred miles north of Mexico City, flew down to be our host and to direct us on a two day and night tour of the city of about three million population and the surrounding communities. A volume could be written on what we saw and learned about Baptist growth in this country in the face of Catholic, pagan and materialistic opposition.

Our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Webb were our hosts there. Brother Webb took us through many miles of coffee fields to a city of about five thousand Indians. It was a strange looking city. The streets were lined on either side with corn stalks about eight feet tall, tied with vines so close together they made an almost solid wall. The streets gave the appearance of lanes not much wider than our car. The houses, many of which were made of corn

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## Congregational Practices

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the trial. In addition, Mr. Hainsworth read excerpts from letters received from such distant points as San Francisco and Washington, D.C. — for word of his experiment had spread.

One of the letters, from a California attorney, said the Golden Rule would "do more toward achieving peace than all the Big Four conferences from now until eternity."

Mr. Hainsworth, said he decided on the 30-day trial because he is convinced that "civilization can survive an age flirting with atomic war only through some kind of worldwide application of the Golden Rule."

"Many practice Christianity," he said, "but there are others who are hesitant. They agree that Christianity is a beautiful thing, but they are afraid it will fall to pieces if it is taken out and tried in the tumultuous world."

"But time is running out; we must find the answer fast. And there can be no security until the world wholeheartedly accepts God and the practical application of the Golden Rule."

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Reports from Hong Kong have said that Chinese Communists have started to demolish all Christian churches in Kwangtung Province. Three have already been torn down and the members imprisoned.

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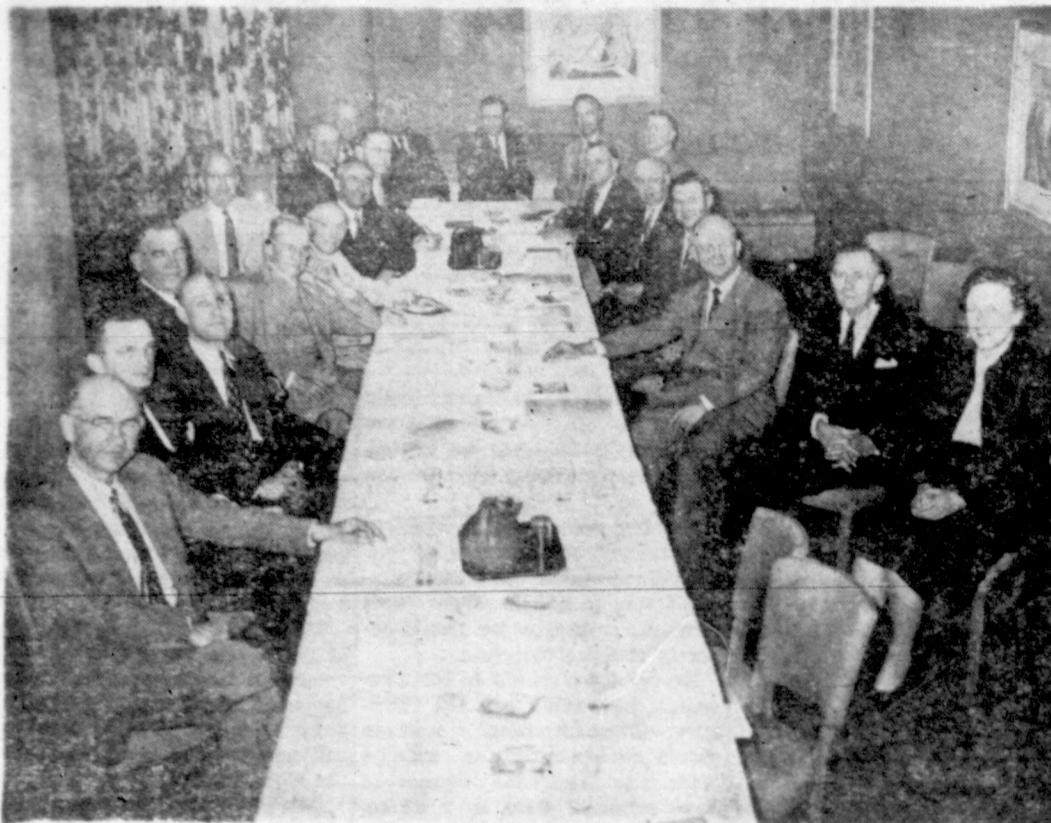
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## Southern Baptist Editors Meet In Biloxi



Shown above is a group of editors attending the meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association which met last week in Biloxi. Around the table, left to right, they are: Dr. Leon Macon (Ala.), John J. Hurt, Jr. (Ga.); Rev. Jack Gritz (Okla.); Dr. A. C. Miller (Social Service Commission); Dr. D. M. Gardner (Tex.); Rev. B. J. Murrie (Ill.); Dr. John Caylor (Home Mission Board); Dr. L. L. Carpenter (N. C.); Dr. Richard Owen (Tenn.); Dr. B. H. Duncan (Ark.); Dr. F. W. Tinnin (La.); R. L. Pogue (Ky.); Emmett McLoughlin (Phoenix, Ariz.); Dr. W. G. Stracener (Fla.); Dr. Albert McClelland (Executive Committee); Dr. A. L. Goodrich (Miss.); John F. McDermott (Chicago); Rev. Barry Garrett (Ariz.); Dr. H. H. McGinty (Mo.); Dr. S. H. Jones (S. C.); and Miss Irene Gray (The Commission).

"A religious newspaper must not only be informative, it must also be inspirational. The very nature of the papers make it optional with a circulation of one and a half million weekly," William F. McDermott, Chicago free lance writer, told members of the Southern Baptist Press Association at its annual convention in Biloxi.

Mr. McDermott, former religious editor of the Chicago Daily News and author of several Readers Digest and Collier articles, conducted a series of lectures for the conventioners.

In discussing Southern Baptist newspapers, he told the group, "Your papers reach more people in one week than preachers could reach speaking to audiences of 1,000 each twice daily for two years.

"A religious editor reaches a stable audience. Unlike the Sunday morning audience, it is not transitional," he pointed out.

The people reached by the Protestant papers of America are

many times more than the movie audience of 75,000,000," Dr. McDermott stated, adding, "Editors should become more aware of their influence and seek wider circulation, better integration of the papers into the lives of the denomination and wider distribution outside the denomination."

Emmett McLoughlin, former Catholic priest and now superintendent of Memorial Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona, also delivered three lectures using as his subjects "Education and Catholic Power"; "The Human Mind and Catholic Power"; and "The Achilles Heel of Catholic Power."

Mr. McLoughlin also led several open discussions. These served to open the eyes of the editors concerning many Catholic practices.

Officers elected are: Dr. D. M. Gardner, editor of the Texas Baptist Standard, as President; John J. Hurt, Jr. editor of the Georgia Baptist Index, Vice-President; and Dr. W. G. Stracener, editor of the Florida Baptist Witness, Secretary and Treasurer.

Other outstanding papers were presented by Dr. H. H. McGinty, Missouri, "Religion and Public Education"; Dr. R. E. Alley, Virginia, "Christianity and Communism"; Dr. L. L. Carpenter, North Carolina, "Problems Facing Our Denomination."

On Tuesday night Editor Goodrich and Secretary Quarles were co-hosts to the editors and the Executive-Secretaries at a Sea Food Jamboree. Various Mississippi organizations including the Masonite Corporation, the Knox Glass Company, the Mississippi Agricultural and Industrial Board, Iodin Tooth Paste and the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce provided Mississippi products which were presented to the guests.

A drawing was held and the winner was Dr. T. B. Lackey, Oklahoma's Executive-Secretary. He was awarded a bedroom suit (pajamas). Wednesday afternoon was given to a boat trip around the bay. The 1955 meeting will be held in Phoenix, Arizona.

Key Field Church calls  
Rev. James H. Sollie

Rev. James H. Sollie, pastor of Indian Springs Church, Perry County, has accepted the pastorate of Keyfield Church, Meridian. He succeeds Rev. R. H. Cherry who recently resigned.

Mr. Sollie is a veteran of World War II and is married to the former Miss Maurine Brown, of Causseyville. He was educated at Howard College and Mississippi Southern and the New Orleans Seminary.

His former pastorate include Hebron, Sunny Grove, and Pine Forest Church.

PASTOR'S CONFERENCE  
PROGRAM RELEASED

The program of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference which meets in St. Louis, preceding the Southern Baptist Convention, on May 31-June 1, has been released by the program committee.

Ramsey Pollard is the chairman. Many Mississippians will remember him as he has appeared on several state-wide programs.

The Monday evening service will hear addresses by Rev. O. R. Shields, Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Dr. Grady Cothen, Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, Dr. Paul M. Stevens, and Governor Allan Shivers of Tex-

as.

The Tuesday morning program includes addresses by Rev. Frank E. Morris, Dr. Charles W. Pope, Dr. J. M. Price; Dr. Carl Bates, and Dr. W. D. Wyatt.

The Tuesday afternoon session will hear Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor's conference program or the SBC program, Dr. Dale Moody, Walter Warmath, and Rev. Roy O. McClain.

The concluding service will be held on Tuesday evening. Among those scheduled for addresses are Dr. Sterling Price, Dr. A. B. Van Arsdale, Rev. Charles C. Bowles, and Dr. Robert G. Lee.

## What Baptists

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Father for all believers; we further believe that he will come again in like manner as he went away as proclaimed by the angels on the day of the ascension; therefore, we believe that he is ever living to make intercession for us, he is not dead but risen.

We believe that He is the personal Saviour of all who will believe in His name; that through faith in His name will we be saved and our sins blotted out, eternal life freely be given; that his blood shed on the cross is the only sufficient atonement for sin and that his atonement is available only by grace through the channel of our personal faith in Christ (John 3:16; Acts 2:38, Eph. 2:8,9); not only do we believe that he will save us from our sins but will create in us a new life to serve in his kingdom as witnesses of these things (Eph. 2:10; 2 Cor. 5:17-21).

We believe conclusively that He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God as Peter declared in Matthew 16:16; that He is the Messiah promised by the prophets to Israel as shown by mighty works and wonders which God did through him in his earthly ministry (Acts 2:22-36).

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ."

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## Baptist Research

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do things just like old Brother Wonder did them? Does our preaching program need improvement?

Should the pastor enter the pulpit from another door? Would it be better to rearrange the music program? Is the baptismal service the best it could be? Any changes needed? Does the person who enters our churches have the feeling, "I've seen and heard this before."

An outstanding preacher almost ruins his messages by having acquired a bad habit of hitching his trousers every few minutes. He needs some outside criticism. But he wouldn't like that, so he should have a dose of self-criticism.

Baptists must keep on with more and better research. But, even so, we are much like the farmer when asked to buy some books on "Better Farming," replied, "I'm not farming now as well as I know how." So most of us preachers and most of our churches are not doing as well as we could.

Yet, I would say that all of us should criticize ourselves sharply and diligently search out anew the reasons for many of our short comings.

If a church can't keep a preacher she needs some inside research — and if a preacher is always without a church, he should also do some very serious research into his own life and methods.

Baptists everywhere must do some research into their ways of doing things. If there is a better way we must find it.

Editor's Note: Samuel W. Scantlan is superintendent of rural and city missions of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

## The People Spoke

According to press reports, Rep. Harry Applebaum has introduced a bill to legalize whiskey in 15 counties of Mississippi. Those are the counties that voted wet in the 1953 referendum. He is quoted by the United Press as saying:

"In legalizing the sale of liquor, you are not creating a new situation . . . but correcting a situation that now exists in which crooked politicians and officers are taking this amount of money from the taxpayers of Mississippi."

If the politicians and officers are crooked, as claimed by Mr. Applebaum, legalizing liquor will not reform them.

Also such a law would be contrary to the people's wishes as expressed in the 1953 election. The bill under which the referendum was held, and for which Mr. Applebaum voted, definitely states that if a majority voted against legalization that it should be considered a mandate to the legislature to provide us with better enforcement. Legalization will not provide better enforcement.

The 1953 election was a state-wide and not a county-wide proposition. If it is to be on a county-wide basis, we suggest letting each county vote on other questions such as the Black Market tax, the Sales Tax, the proposed increase in the Sales Tax, the Right to Work bill change in the present number of representatives by counties, etc., etc.

In states where liquor is legal the bootleggers and moonshiners have not gone out of business. Only recently the distillers were complaining to the government about the growth of moonshine.

The people spoke in the election last year and common honesty demands that the legislature respect their wishes.

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## Pass This Bill

We commend to our readers the following bill which has been introduced by Representative McCullough of Lincoln County. At the present time it is in committee. It reads as follows:

"An act to amend Chapter 430, Laws of 1948, so as to prohibit the grant or payment of any funds to any institution, corporation, or association, which is owned, or operated, or managed, or controlled in whole or in part, by any church or by any religious society, organization, association, or group, either incorporated or unincorporated."

This simply means separation of church and state. It would prohibit grant or payment of funds to any institution, corporation, or association which is owned, or operated, or managed, or con-



trolled, in whole or in part, by any church, or by any religious society or organization. It means that the state is not to support any of our religious institutions. This should meet with the approval of everybody.

May we suggest that our readers contact their senators and representatives and urge them to support this act.

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## A Stitch In Time Saves Disappointment

We quote below a part of a timely editorial by Dr. Reuben E. Alley, editor of the Religious Herald of Virginia. His advice confirms what we wrote some months ago in the Baptist Record:

"Several ministers and laymen have already begun to make arrangements for the trip to the Baptist World Alliance. They are wise to do so. Tourist travel in Western Europe from May through August is extremely heavy, so that reservations must be made many months in advance. Churches in Virginia can do a gracious and helpful thing by giving financial assistance so that the pastor might attend the World Alliance Congress. The cost is surprisingly low. Upon request a responsible travel agency advised that the trip to London, including ten days stay in the city and a few additional days of travel to nearby historical places, can be made for only \$975.00. This is a liberal estimate and it includes all expenses. The cost of the trip is the same whether one travels by airplane or steamer, though the latter requires about two weeks longer."

"Now is the time for action by

churches that expect to send their pastors to London. Reservations should be made in 1954 for the summer of 1955. Members of the church budget committee should have this in mind when they prepare allocations for next year."

We agree with Dr. Alley and urge our churches to consider NOW the matter of sending the pastor (and in many cases his wife) to the Baptist World Alliance which meets in London on July 16-22, 1955.

Recently a State Convention voted an appropriation of \$3,000 in recognition of the Secretary's excellent service, in order that he and his wife might get to London in 1955.

Undoubtedly many other churches and conventions will take similar action if the matter is laid upon the hearts of the people. But pastors are not likely to find transportation and hotel rooms if they wait until the tourist season of 1955 is approaching. And they are not likely to make reservations before they know if they will be in a position to cover the cost. Therefore, "now is the time for action by churches," as the "Religious Herald" expresses it.

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## Typographical Error Preaches Sermon

In an article in the October 8 issue of Christian Index, Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., pastor of First Church, Decatur, Georgia, and Mississippian on lend-lease to that state, quotes the bulletin of the Rose Park Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, as follows: "We wish to apologize for a mis-print in last week's issue of the bulletin, which

had it that 'Mr. Michael has untied with our church'."

Hall also quotes a colored friend who once said, "This says more by accident than one often says on purpose."

Dr. Hall questions whether a person is really "tied" with the church, who is not active in the FULL program of the church. He wants to know if it is not possible to be "tied" with the church in certain ways and yet to be at loose ends in other vital church relationships.

He points to the traffic jam at the close of Sunday School on Sunday, as an example of people who are "tied with the Sunday School" with no other vital connection to the church program.

It is certainly true that there are some who specialize in one phase of church work and totally neglect the others. We have known some who specialize in one phase Union was the only worthwhile part of the church organization. Others seem to think that the W. M. U. is the one and only thing. Others, the Brotherhood. And others, one phase or another.

We certainly have known many who certainly were not "tied" to the financial program of the church. We recall, as a young pastor, having a man say to us that he did not want to move his membership to the church near where he lived because he wanted to help the church where his membership was. Being pastor of both churches we asked the treasurer of the church in which he claimed membership, and he had no record of any gifts from this brother.

But we do not have to depend upon people whose membership is elsewhere for example. Many who live near the church and some who attend take little if any part in the financial program of the church.

A man who never contributes anything to the support of his family would make no impression upon me by declaring his love for his wife and children.

No person is really "tied" to the church unless he is "tied to all of it."

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## Sparks &amp; Splinters

"Lottery funds" are not acceptable to the Baptists of New Zealand. The Baptist Union has refused a government grant of 500 pounds (\$1,400) for the erection of a home for children at Auckland, on the grounds that the money came from the lottery.

According to information coming to the Baptist Record the Athens Church in Monroe County is making steady progress under the leadership of Rev. John Andrews, who has moved on the field. The church has also gone from quarter to half-time services and has had 18 additions, 10 for baptism, during the past year.

A special baby dedication service was held at the Byram Church during the morning worship service of February 7. The parents of babies under two years of age participated. Rev. Henry J. Bennett, pastor, was in charge. After his short talk on the parents' responsibility in bringing up their children in Christian surroundings, the parents brought their babies forward to pledge their lives to rearing their children to become Godly adults. Following a short prayer the babies were given a small plaque in commemoration of the event.

**NEW ORLEANS** — Enrollment at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for the third term includes 14 Mississippi students who have entered for the first time during the current session. They are: J. W. Brister, (Jackson), William T. Broadus (Escatawpa), Charles M. Case (McComb), Samuel W. Cochran (Wasnesboro), Purser Smith Davis (Hazlehurst), Benton E. Evans (Hazlehurst), William Bryce Evans (Ellisville), Betty Graham (Brookhaven), Mrs. Roy S. Humphrey (Poplarville), R. B. Hutchinson (Brookhaven), Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Lott (Seminary), Mrs. Durell Makamson (Greenwood), and Noxie J. Taylor (Laural).

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of resolutions recently adopted by the First Church, Kosciusko, concerning Rev. A. B. Pierce, who was pastor from April 1, 1949, until June 30, 1953. The resolutions call attention to the fact that during his pastorate there were 359 received by baptism and 427 by letter and statement, with total contributions amounting to \$318,261.52. The resolutions also expressed appreciation of his leadership in the Sunday School, with the attendance being more than doubled, as was the Training Union attendance. It also made note of the fact that it was under his leadership that the actual construction of the new church building was begun.

The Foreign Mission Board has received a petition from Mati, a city on the eastern coast of Mindanao where medical work is being projected — signed by 52 of its leading people urging Southern Baptists to send them evangelistic missionaries.

Recently the Baptist Record has received several reports of Study courses being held in various churches. The Baptist Record is always interested in news and wants to pass it on as much as possible. However, a study course is only of local interest and is not of state-wide interest. Therefore, we are asking our readers not to send us news notes about study courses. They are the usual thing. It is not news that a church has a study course. It would be news if a church went a year without a study course. Of course, the study course is of interest to the local people, but we doubt if space should be used to report that such and such a church had a study course. Therefore, beginning March 1, the mere fact that a church had a study course will not be considered as news. In some instances, if something unusual or out of the ordinary happens in connection with the study course, that gives it news value.

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** — (BP) — Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary of the Department of Christian Education, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, has resigned. The resignation will take effect March 15, 1954. Fisher will accept a position on the faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Boland, Silver Creek;

Mrs. Morris Honea, Magnolia;

Gene Honea, Magnolia; Mrs. Will Ratliff and Cecelia Ann, Bruce;

Rev. Sammie Crawford, Bruce;

Winfred Brasher, Bruce; Raymond Bennett, Bruce; Rev. J. Millard Purl, Sallis; Rev. Charles Everett, Merigold; Roy Vardaman, Round Lake; R. C. Dennis, Terry; Rev. H. H. Ward, Kosciusko; Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, Kosciusko; Dr. Brooks H. Wester, Brookhaven;

Rev. Frank Armstrong, Clinton.

Following the completion of the new annex, Byram Church was the scene of a shower for the furnishing of the spacious kitchen. Among the many articles given were plates, glasses, pots, potholders, platters, cooking utensils, stainless dinnerware, cups and saucers. The kitchen will be used by the various organizations of the church in preparing for banquets, dinners, or luncheons which will be held in the adjoining dining room with a seating capacity of 200. Other donations to the kitchen will be made by the various organizations of the church.

Total gifts in the Southern Baptist Convention reached a record high of \$278,851,129, a gain of \$30,846,840 over 1952, or 12.4 per cent. This represented \$35.36 in per capita gifts, compared with \$32.48 in 1952.

SBC Training Union enrollment showed a gain of 10.3 per cent, reaching a total of 1,849,544. The number of Training Unions increased to 19,015, a gain of 6.9 per cent.

Southern Baptist now have 29,496 churches, a gain of 631 over 1952, or 2.2 per cent. Of this number, 14,688 are open country; 4,906, village; 3,959, town; and 5,943 city churches. Associations have increased to 1017, a gain of 16 over 1952.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — (BP) — Parents, pastors, and teachers, do you have the names and addresses of any Southern Baptist young men who are enrolled at West Point and the Naval Academy at Annapolis? If so, please send them to G. Kearne Keegan, secretary, Department of Student Work, 161 Eighth Aven. N., Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Keegan is most anxious for the Student Department to make direct contact with these young men to help them in any way possible. Won't you send the names today?

Rev. Arthur H. Leslie has resigned the pastorate at Houlka Church to accept the pastorate at West End Church, Selma, Ala.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the forty-second annual session of the Jefferson Davis Associational Meeting. It was held with the Hathorn Church on October 23, 1953. The next meeting will be at Victory Church on October 22, 1954. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

The prevalent opinion among ordinary Spaniards is this: If full religious liberty were proclaimed in Spain tomorrow and no one were discriminated against because of his religion or his lack of religion, seventy-five per cent of the Spanish people would abandon all connection with the church. The lower and middle classes would practically do so en masse," Dr. John McKay.

Broadmoor Church Jackson held the formal opening exercises for their new building at East Northside Drive at Manhattan on Sunday February 14. Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Church, Jackson, was the speaker. Rev. Gordon Sansing is the pastor.

## Sandersville Welcomes New Pastor



REV. DONALD J. TISDALE

The new pastor, Rev. Donald J. Tisdale, and Mrs. Tisdale were formally welcomed by the entire community in a reception at the Sandersville Church Sunday afternoon Feb. 7.

Mr. Tisdale comes from Texas, where for the past three years he served as pastor of the First Church at Laneville. Previously, he studied at Baylor University, Waco, and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, receiving the B. A. and B. D. degrees respectively. Mrs. Tisdale also completed her collegiate work at Baylor.

The Tisdales have two small ones, Donald and Steven.

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Missionary John Abernathy, Korea, reports 130 churches (20 self-supporting), 23 ordained Korean pastors, 74 lay preachers, 1,992 baptisms in 1953, 12,221 inquirers (professed believers not yet baptized), and contributions amounting to \$21,619.80 — the largest amount Korean Baptist have ever given.



DR. W. L. HOWSE

## Convention Speaker

Dr. W. L. Howse, professor of religious education, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, will be one of the principal speakers and conference leaders when the three state Sunday School conventions are held March 9-10-11.

Dr. Howse will speak each afternoon on "Fundamentals in Gaining a Million" and will lead the conference for pastors and superintendents.

The three conventions will meet as follows: Tuesday, First Church, Cleveland; Wednesday, First Church, Yazoo City; and Thursday, First Church, Natchez.

The meetings will be sponsored by the State Sunday School Department, Dr. E. C. Williams, secretary.

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Dr. and Mrs. James D. Belote, Southern Baptist missionaries to Hong Kong, announce the birth of Linda Anne on February 4 in Hong Kong. Their address is 169 Boundary Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Mrs. Belote, the former Martha Bigham, is a native of Water Valley, Miss.

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## PASTORS TO RECEIVE TRANSFER CARDS

Ministers Security Plan transfer agreement cards will be in the hands of all active retirement plan pastors and churches by March 1 of this year, it has been announced by the Relief and Annuity Board. Since the adoption of the Plan at the state conventions, many pastors have expressed their enthusiasm and interest in becoming members of the new Plan.

Adoption of the security plan by two-thirds of these active pastors and churches will mean increases in the provisions listed below. No pastor may join the Ministers Security Plan, however, unless his church joins with him.

The pastor's wife will have an assurance of a lifetime annuity whether member's death occurs before or after retirement. Previously, this benefit (Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan) ceased when the pastor retired, and the member could take a reduced annuity while he was living, so that his wife could receive 50 percent of that annuity should he die after retirement.

Disability annuity has been extended from a maximum of \$500 per year, to \$900 per year, or the member may retire on a commuted annuity if disabled after the age of 60.

For the pastor who finds himself without a church after the age of 60, and is unable, through no fault of his own, to obtain another pastorate, the commuted annuity is available also, should he find it necessary to retire for any reason before the age of 65.

Penalty for delayed participation in the new plan will extend only after the age of 25, or date of first pastorate after that age.

All this, combining benefits of the Ministers Retirement and Widows Supplemental Annuity Plans with other benefits, is available at only a small increase in payments.

If the pastor participates in both the ministers and widows plans, his increased cost would be only  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 per cent of his salary—from 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent to 5 per cent. For ages 60-70 the cost would be 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. To the church, the increase would be 2 per cent. If the pastor is in MRP only the increase will be 2 per cent of his salary; to the church 2 per cent.

Those members active in the Ministers Retirement Plan will be contacted by mail the latter part of February. If you do not receive a letter and agreement card before March 1, write your Relief and Annuity Board. If you are not a member of the retirement plan, you must join the Plan before you can become active in the new Ministers Security Plan.

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Shown above is Rev. C. A. Alexander (left) and John M. Curlee as they burned the Note and Trust Deed on the First Church, Booneville. (Photo by courtesy of the Booneville Independent)

## MISS. COLLEGE BAND TO TOUR

The Mississippi College Concert Band will make its first tour Sunday, February 21 when "the band with a sacred message" visits three churches.

Sunday morning the band will render the service at the Taylorsville church, Rev. W. H. Merritt, pastor; Sunday afternoon it will present its service of sacred music at First Church, Laurel, Rev. T. R. McKibbens, pastor and Sunday evening it will have charge of the service at the Bay Springs Church, Dr. Cecil W. Jones, pastor.

The band is under the direction of Prof. Walter B. Duda, director of Instrumental Music of the college who declared "The officers and director are dedicating their band to work of the Lord."

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## S. S. ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED IN CALHOUN

Representatives from 21 churches in Calhoun County Association met at the First Church, Calhoun City, on Feb. 11 for the purpose of effecting an associational Sunday school organization.

There were 110 registered for the meeting and the following officers were elected: Mr. C. C. Parker, supt.; Rev. C. H. Cutrell, associate supt. in charge of Training; Rev. J. B. Middleton, associate supt. in charge of Evangelism; Rev. J. S. Dorrah, Vacation Bible school supt.; Mr. Ford Harrelson, secretary and treasurer.

Proposed goals for the "Million More in '54" campaign were reported by the churches represented and an over-all goal of a 20 per cent increase was adopted. An inspirational address was delivered by Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor of the First Church, Grenada, and Mississippi's member of the Sunday School Board. Next meeting date was set for May 6, 21, 8, compared to 1 to 21.5 in 1952.

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While baptisms in the Southern Baptist Convention gained 2.1 per cent over 1952, the ratio of baptism to membership continues to climb. In 1953 the ratio was 1 to 21.8, compared to 1 to 21.5 in 1952.

## —MUSIC DEPARTMENT—

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

### SCOTT HOLDS SIMULTANEOUS MUSIC WEEK

Under the leadership of Rev. Roy Self, associational missionary, and Mr. Moody Purvis, associational music director, a member of music schools were held in Scott county last week simultaneously. Ten to 15 churches are expected to cooperate in the schools that were taught by Mrs. Owen Estes, Mount-Olive, R. D. Moon, Pelahatchie, and James Hayes, Durant. At the time of this writing a fine interest in the schools is shown. All the schools are classified as area schools and all nearby churches will cooperate.

This program is sponsored jointly by the Scott County Music Association and mission work, and the State Music Department.

### SCHEDULE OF ASSOCIATION SCHOOLS FOR 1954

Below is a list of our associational music schools sponsored by the music departments of the respective associations in which the State Music secretary will participate during the year. March 9-

12—Jones Association, March 28—April 2—Holmes Association, May 23-28—Grenada Association, June 13-18—Panola Association, June 27-July 2—Benton Association, August 15-20—Bolivar Association, September 13-17—Mississippi Association, October 3-8—Tallahatchie Association, October 17-21—Tippah Association.

Two other associations have been offered the only remaining weeks available by our State Music Secretary.

All churches in the above named associations are asked to please avoid a schedule of any activities during the music week that would interfere with full participation. The Music Department asks full cooperation by all the churches in these special music efforts.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

All associational music directors remember to attend the State Planning Meeting for associational music directors and missionaries, Feb. 22, next Monday, in the Baptist Building, Jackson 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Don't forget!

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### JIMMY HATHORN LICENSED



JIMMY HATHORN

Jimmy Hathorn was recently licensed to preach by the Bassfield Church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hathorn of Bassfield. Jimmy is now a student at Clarke College, and plans to attend Mississippi College this fall.

Rev. G. W. Smith is the pastor of the Bassfield church.

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### STATESVILLE, N. C. (BP)

Back in 1933 a young Negro applied for the job as janitor and general handy man at Western Avenue Baptist Church here. The applicant was Junious Summers, who started his first day by keeping up in the fire in the furnace. For the past twenty years, as regular as clockwork, he has continued to keep the building and premises in tip-top condition. Members of the church congregation, feeling twenty years service deserves recognition, declared a "June Summers Day." At the morning worship service "June," as every one know him, and his wife were honored guests of the church. "I belonged to another denomination, before coming here to work," "June" said, "but now I am a Baptist."

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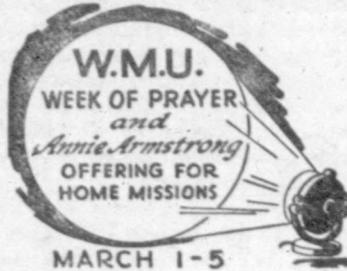


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From a letter from Curran and Nina Belle Gunn, missionaries to the French:

"We send a special prayer request—the building program for this field—that we may know what kind of a program the Lord would have in this community. We have discussed a pastor's home, remodeling and repairing and adding to our present auditorium, and building a new auditorium using the old building for the educational building. So far we have not started anything after two years of trying. It seems that every time the program is stopped.

"It isn't a matter of what kind of building we need, because we need them all and a chapel in an unchurched section. The question is which to start first. Our fund is not large, but we know it will grow when a building starts up. A building program will not solve all our problems, but it will help solve many of them, including interest, attendance, and stewardship."

foreground was a large white cross overshadowing a globe. The speakers table had an open Bible with streamers going out to figures representing ways of spreading the gospel. Place cards were outline maps of foreign countries and the favors and programs were WMS colors. Mrs. C. E. McGhee of Holly Bluff was guest speaker, using as her subject, "Why I Am a WMU Member."

The Spanish Fort Society has been organized about two months. They have eight members and eight subscribers to Royal Service.

Ludlow reports the Focus Week was a week of outstanding events. Sunday morning, January 1st the women sat in reserved seats. The pastor, Rev. Nat Mayhall used the WMS watchword, "Laborers together with God" as his subject; missionary hymns were used throughout the service. At a supper meeting Monday night, thirteen women met to study the WMU Manual. Wednesday night the regular circle meetings were held. To climax the week, the WMS and GA entertained Francis Mayo and Philip Maayah, students at Clarke College from Bethlehem, Israel—these students were week-end guests of the WMS.

These activities made Focus Week a much talked-of event and one that will long bear fruit. Mrs. Joe Denson, publicity chairman sent this report.

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### Griffith Choir Renders Program At Raymond

The Cherub Choir of Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, under the direction of Hugh Burford and Edna Mae Mahaffey went to Raymond to visit the residents of The Home or the Aged on Sunday, February 7.

A program consisting of songs and scripture was presented.

Those making the trip were, Frances Carolyn Flynt, Linda Margaret Melton, Eva Dean, Sandra Morgan, Jackie Sue Stendebach, Dottie Humes, Johnnie Brookshire, Jerry Lachina, Jean Kinard, Jackie Allen, Mr. C. E. Humes, Mr. Fred Melton, Mr. S. Ernest Kinard, Mrs. M. T. Dean, Mrs. Stendebach, Mrs. Zeke Allen, Mr. Garnett Lancaster, Hugh Burford and Edna Mae Mahaffey.

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SBC Sunday school enrollment climbed to 5,759,128, for a gain of 268,072 over 1952, or 4.8 per cent. The number of Sunday schools increased to 28,779, a gain of 739 new Sunday schools.

### Woman's College Opens Ministerial Storehouse

By REV. S. M. WHITE

Since going coeducational there will naturally be many of our preacher boys with families who will be coming to our college to finish their college work. In fact we already have some of them now. Some of them will no doubt need some assistance before the year is out. In fact, we have some already here that need help this very moment.

In order to meet the needs of these men as they arise we have worked out a plan whereby you can render a great service and have a part in preparing them to do more efficient work in carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord. I have known men and I am sure you have too who have had to drop out of school because they did not have quite enough finances to sustain them in their

### VICKSBURG PASTOR TO PREACH IN ALASKA



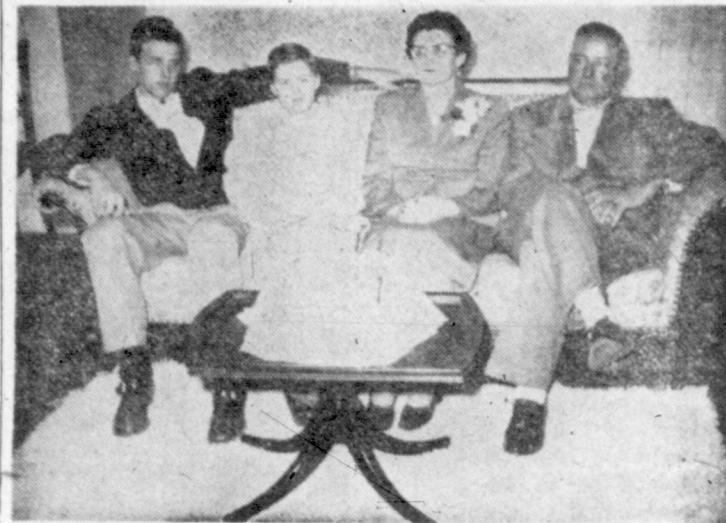
DR. JOHN G. McCALL

First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, will send their pastor, Dr. John G. McCall, to Alaska in April of 1955 to be a member of a team of Southern Baptist ministers to conduct an evangelistic crusade in that territory.

The Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board requested the church to sponsor Dr. McCall's trip as a part of the crusade being conducted by the board.

Dr. Cecil Knox, chairman of the church finance committee, told the business session of the church, "I feel that it is a signal honor to our church and to our pastor to be given the privilege of providing this extra effort for missions in addition to our regular contributions through the cooperative program. "I personally feel like a part of the church which sent the Apostle Paul out on his missionary journey by having a part in this", he continued.

### Woodville Church Honors Pastor



By Rev. D. O. Horne

pursuit of an education. Had it ever occurred to you that just a few dollars or the equivalent in material things might make the difference between a missionary and a nothing?

Now you ask: Tom whom shall we send our gifts? To Mississippi Woman's College, designated Ministerial Storehouse, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. What shall we send? Let me name just a few items that will give you a definite lead on what we may be able to use: corn, flour, syrup, rice, lard, sugar, cured meats, and all kinds of canned goods, in fact any non-perishable goods.

You may be assured that every item received will be carefully checked in and also checked out according to the needs of these students.

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### WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

Herewith we submit a free ad to the liquor industry to be used in its 'women of distinction' series during the Christmas holidays. The "finished" product is Bonnie Brown Heady, 41, readily identified as one of the two kidnap killers of little Bobby Greenlease, Smart advertising men could work up a beautiful and gracious-looking background for the ad. Here are the words of Mrs. Heady:

"I am not trying in any way to make excuses for my actions. But I think anyone will find if you drink from one to two fifths of whisky a day for a year and a half that your brain doesn't function properly..."

"And the lawyer of her partner in crime—Carl Austin Hall—said that Hall drank up a \$200,000 inheritance in three years and will die a pauper on December 18.

"P. S.—In the same daily newspaper, one of the big distilling companies was announcing bigger dividends to stockholders."—Charity and Children.

On Jan. 31 the Brotherhood of the Woodville Church took the evening service away from Pastor O. B. Beverly and then gave it back to him with befitting expressions of love and appreciation on the part of the entire church and community. It was the fourth anniversary, and "OUR BEVERLYS" was the appropriate theme.

The pastor and family sat on the designated seat of honor as the members of the Brotherhood, speaking for the church, recited records of achievements and testimonies of appreciation. Four years ago the Beverlys came from Flora to Woodville. No pastor and family could be more beloved or more unanimously followed than the Beverlys at Woodville.

Some achievements recited were as follows: 1949 S. S. enrollment, 100; now 226; BTU enrollment 25; now 138. Four years ago there was no evening preaching service except a union service in the community; tonight the house is full to capacity. Four years ago there was a struggling W.M.S.; now there is a fully graded W.M.U. In 1949 there was no VBS; last year the enrollment was 308 and assisted in three Negro VBS with a total approximate enrollment of 550. During the four years there have been 128 baptisms into the membership of this church. The value of the church property has increased from \$30,000 to \$125,000. Total gifts four years ago were \$4,000; total gifts last year, \$14,364.

After the touching service conducted by the Brotherhood, the congregation assembled in the Sunday School Annex where the ladies had prepared a 4th Birthday Cake beautifully decorated, "THE BEVERLYS."

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SBC W. M. U. enrollment increased to 1,188,080, a gain of 3.9 per cent; while the Brotherhood gained 13.3 per cent, with a present enrollment of 242,918.

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DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON

Adult Sunday School workers over the state are most fortunate in their conference leader for our three conventions, March 9-11, in Cleveland, Yazoo City and Natchez.

Dr. Edgar Williamson, state Sunday School secretary of Arkansas, will be with us for those three days and will direct all the conferences for Adult Sunday School officers and teachers.

This fine and capable Sunday School leader has been for several years one of our very best workers and is recognized widely for his ability in this field. He is eminently qualified, both from training and experience, to give our Adult leaders some excellent help.

Therefore, we urge adult workers over the state to plan now to be in one of these conferences. This age group is of such vital importance to the work right now that we need to give most earnest consideration to the best methods of and plans of doing it.

These conferences will help much at this point.

## WHAT ABOUT THAT BUS TRIP TO GLORIETA?

Yes, indeed, we are planning on running a nice, air conditioned bus to one of the Sunday school weeks at Glorieta, New Mexico, this summer.

Want to go? All right, then, let us know right away.

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## MISSION VOLUNTEER



Shirley Smith, at left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Plummer Smith of Puckett, surrendered her life as a missionary on February 7th. She is the first member of the

County Line Church, Rankin county, ever to volunteer for full-time Christian service. She is an honor student at Mississippi Southern and plans to enter Mississippi College next term.

Under the leadership of Pastor Richard G. Wooten, the church has noted much growth. The offering has doubled. A goal of 100 was set for Sunday School attendance on February 7, and exceeded by 6.

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## Houlka Church Ordains Five New Deacons

The Houlka Church, at the Sunday night service, February 7, ordained Dan Sims, Eland Brown, W. H. Jackson, Guy Germany, and J. M. Phillips as deacons.

Rev. George Edens of Zion Church, Pontotoc Association delivered the ordination sermon. The pastor, Rev. Arthur H. Leslie, delivered the charge to the new deacons, their wives, and the church.

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## CROSBY CHURCH HOLDS DOUBLE ORDINATION

In a unique ordination service, Feb. 12, the Crosby Church ordained three deacons, and a former deacon was ordained to the Gospel ministry. The deacons are Paul Donigan, A. N. Terral, and Cletus McCurley. W. H. (Bill) Wilkinson, a young deacon who was licensed to preach last summer, was set aside to the Gospel ministry.

The pastor, Rev. David Irby, was elected chairman of the examining Council consisting of Dr. Jack Roddy, N. O. Seminary faculty member, Rev. L. B. Spradlin, student N. O. Seminary, Rev. L. P. Leavell, former pastor of Crosby and now pastor First Baptist Church, Charleston, Rev. H. B. McClure, pastor in Louisiana, and Rev. D. O. Horne, supt. of missions, Mississippi Association; and the following deacons: C. H. Whittington, Woodville, Carl S. Wilson, B. F. Herman, E. E. McCarthy, C. S. Brewer, and Johny Hartfield, deacons of Crosby.

Rev. D. O. Horne gave the charge to the deacons; Dr. Roddy gave the charge to the minister. Pastor Irby presented a Bible to the minister and a book, "Honoring the Deaconship", to each of the deacons on behalf of the church. Rev. Leavell brought the message. Ordination prayer was led by Rev. L. B. Spradlin.

Brother Wilkinson is a first-year student at the New Orleans Seminary and his wife is a member of the high school faculty of Crosby. Mr. Wilkinson has been pastor some months at Enterprise, a mission of the Liberty Baptist Church.

## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary JO ANN SUMMERS, Office Secretary

## MEN ON THE MARCH

The most encouraging sign in Christendom today is the evidence on every hand that men are on the march. Every major denomination in America today is trying to capture the benefits to the derived from this new interest on the part of our men.

Southern Baptists have about 2 million men members. Mississippi Baptists have at least 100,000 men. If we can ever get this host of men, a line 94½ miles long to march in step with Christ, the Christian world has yet many surprises in store.

This new interest on the part of our men is not hard to figure out. Since the early 1940's, men have been in the spot light. At one time we had over 11 million on the march in a war. Our survival depended on them. They saw the world and in seeing it, they saw it needs.

Our men are better informed now than of any other age. Modern means of communication make it possible for even those of limited educational advantage to know what is going on.

Our men on the march for Christ in this modern day are encountering many real obstacles, some of which almost are unsurmountable.

## CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES MAKE A BID

Our churches have largely turned over all charities to civic organizations. Our best brains are being utilized in fostering these outside agencies. Men by the score are putting these obligations ahead of their church.

## THE SOCIAL LADDER CROSSES THE PATH

Men's spiritual lives are dying like flies in the social circles. Some men actually believe that they can't be a success in business unless they do as their neighbors do.

## FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Men by the score are being duped into thinking that since many of our fraternal organizations are founded upon Biblical teaching, that they can substitute this or that for the church. Christ didn't start any fraternal organization but He did start His church. Those of us who are members of fraternal organizations know that the oath we took did not pledge us to forsake our families and our church to be a good member. In fact we know that we owe first our allegiance to our God and our families and then to other things.

## 50, 40 &amp; 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

## 50 YEARS AGO

After long last the debt on the church building of the First Church, Jackson, has been paid in full during the pastorate of Rev. W. F. Yarborough. The Home Mission and State Mission Boards, as well as a great many churches of the state had a part in the task. One room in the building was the "Mission Room" for Mississippi Baptists where Secretary A. V. Rowe had his headquarters.

## 40 YEARS AGO

The Mississippi Baptist, organ of the General Association in East Mississippi, has been purchased by a group led by Rev. R. L. Breland, editor, and published at Newton. (Later Mr. R. L. Breland became the editor of the East Mississippi Column in the Baptist Record for many years before his death.)

## 25 YEARS AGO

The Baptist Church at Moorhead recently held the last service in the old church house and moved into the new one. Rev. J. H. Hooks, pastor. The Senatobia church dedicated their new brick house of worship. Rev. A. T. Cinnamon of Kosciusko preached the sermon. He was pastor when the new house of worship was built. Rev. J. C. Wells, pastor at present.

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### BAPTIST FAITH MONTH BOOKS

"Living in the Faith," by Howard P. Colson. 130 pages. Broadman Press, 1954. Cloth 75c; paper 50c.

Dr. Howard P. Colson has given us a much-needed book. He expresses the aim of the book in his introduction, saying that it "is intended to give the adult members of our Baptist churches a better grasp of the great doctrines of our faith, and to help them bring their daily lives more completely into accord with these significant truths." He sounds a vital note throughout: Christian doctrine is life-changing truth. He sets forth the intense relevance to life of the great truths of the Christian faith and urges that they be embodied in the everyday lives of Christians.

This wholesome emphasis is suggested in the very title of the book, *Living in the Faith*. The chapter headings indicate the biblical nature of the discussions: "A Life Worthy of God," "Made in the Image of God," "Looking Unto Jesus," "Saved by Grace," "Called to be Saints," "Members of His Body," "Led by the Spirit," "Awaiting Our Blessed Hope." Perhaps the strongest feature of the book is its solid scriptural foundation. The author, a thorough student of the Greek New Testament and a fine expository preacher, is a trustworthy Bible teacher. The result of his efforts is a handbook of Christian truth that will be helpful to a young and old alike.

The book is a clear doctrinal statement of our faith, fresh and interesting. The author wisely omits the use of long illustrations in a concise treatment of his

themes that is both sound and appealing. The reader will be surprised at how big a 139-page book can be!—Thomas E. McCullough.

The Faith We Hold, by Albert McClellan. 152 pages. Broadman Press, 1954. Cloth 75c; paper 50c.

The church editor of a New York paper visited churches of many faiths in his city. He found that most of the church members were weak in doctrine.

Can this complaint be made of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention? It was because of this that this accusation is sometimes made that Baptist Faith Month, March, 1954, was born, with four new books on Baptist doctrine edited by the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, and published by Broadman Press.

This is the young people's book in the series. The author is director of publications for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. McClellan is young enough to have the pulse of the young people and experienced enough to write with authority in the field of doctrine.

This book is a dynamic exposition of the faith of the New Testament as it is held by Southern Baptists. It is not a stereotyped presentation. The brilliant author has infused with a complex subject his own rich personality. This gives life and action to the pages.

Chapter titles are:

I. Foundation of Our Faith  
 II. Center of Our Faith  
 III. Spirit of Our Faith  
 IV. Book of Our Faith  
 V. The Church of Our Faith  
 VI. Ordinances of Our Faith  
 VII. Work of Our Faith  
 VIII. Triumph of Our Faith

Young people who study this timely book will find themselves more deeply fortified in the faith. Inspiration for service will result when the book is properly taught.

It is hoped that every church in the Southern Baptist Convention will study these four new books some week this March.—C. Aubrey Hearn.

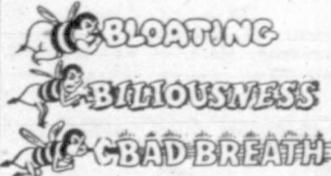
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Rev. J. A. McCain, Mississippi College student, has been called as pastor of the Everett Church, Simpson County.

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### Purser Hewitt Named Layman of the Year

The Quiet Hour, a radio program by Dr. Charles Hamilton over WELO, Tupelo, since 1944, has given its Annual Honor Roll of the year for 1954, based on work of the previous year.

The Mississippi Layman of the Year was Purser Hewitt of Jackson.

National nominations included Adlai Stevenson as American of the Year, Harold Sanders of Aberdeen; Mississippi Minister of the Year, Murray Cox of Flora; Mississippi Legislator of the Year, George Owen of Pontotoc; Mississippi Col-

orner of the Year, John Mackay as Christian Leader of the year, Brooks Hays as Congressman of the Year and Paul Douglas, Hubert Humphrey, and Wayne Morse as Senator of the Year.

Mississippi nominations included the late Senator Mac Young of Aberdeen as Mississippian of the Year; Mississippi Editor of the Year, Harold Sanders of Aberdeen; Mississippi Minister of the Year, Murray Cox of Flora; Mississippi Legislator of the Year, George Owen of Pontotoc; Mississippi Col-

umnist of the Year Mrs. Willie Willis of Amory; Mississippi Congressman of the Year, T. G. Abernathy; Man of the year was Abe Paul Couturier of Lyons, France; Mississippi Negro of the Year, Milan Davis of Okolona.

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# Mississippi Miscellany

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## Baptist Focus Days Slated For Five Campuses In March

A series of five "Baptist Focus Days" is being planned for five state school campuses in March by BSU Director Roy Isbell, Mississippi State, and State Secretary Horner.

During the week of March 22-26, a team of five or six Baptist leaders will speak in noonday prayer meetings, have personal conferences with students, conduct seminars, bring evangelistic and missionary messages and lead in dormitory prayer meetings.

The team, thus far, is composed of Rev. Russell McIntire, Clinton; Bill Cody, Nashville; Mrs. Roland Leavell, New Orleans; Curtis Askew, New Orleans, a missionary to Japan, and State Secretary Horner.

Campuses to be visited are Mississippi Southern, Jones Junior College, Delta State, Ole Miss, and Mississippi State.

### Seminar At E. C. J. C. Convened Jan. 28-30

The annual Mississippi BSU Secretaries' (or Directors') Seminar convened at East Central Junior College, Decatur, January 28-30, with Miss Gladys Bryant, BSU Director for E.C.J.C., as the unusually gracious hostess and with Decatur pastor John W. Cook and Mrs. Cook and many others assisting.

The meeting opening Thursday with supper at the local church after which Miss Joan Stockstill, of Jones Jr., led in a very enjoyable fellowship period.

The Seminar program began Friday morning with a Devotional by Rev. Fred McCaulley of the Home Mission Board. Dr. H. Clayton Waddell led three very helpful conferences on "Counseling and Premarital Problems". Mr. Bill Cody spoke in chapel Friday morning, led a discussion on "Special Emphases" and participated in the discussions of the "Social Program," led by Miss Mary Lee Vines, BSU Director for New Orleans, and "Enlistment," led by Mr. Doyle Baird, BSU Director for N. Texas State College. Mrs. R. R. Darby, Perkinston Jr., and Mr. Harold Gully, Pearl River Jr., led devotionals. Mr. Charles Tolbert, Miss. College Student Sec'y, led in arranging the program.

### NOW BSU DIRECTOR

The large majority of the State BSU Secretaries, meeting in Nashville last December, voted in favor of changing from BSU or Student "Secretary" to BSU or Student "Director" as the title for local BSU workers.

### NOTICE TO PASTORS

Pastors are requested to get their desires for Youth-led Revival workers into the State BSU Office as soon as possible.

A California man has made a machine with 700 moving wheels, cogs, levers and such, which runs smoothly and accomplishes absolutely nothing. Don't laugh. He may be the foremost interpreter of our age.

OREN ARNOLD

### Munday Finishes Work At Miss. Southern

January concludes the tenure of B. S. U work at Mississippi Southern College under the directorship of Riley Munday, B. S. U. Secretary. These years have been pleasant years with their pioneering problems and occasional differences of diplomacy, which is a part of a multi-church B.S.U. situation. Student executive councils and local pastors and educational directors have come and gone, but the church-centered program has remained; thanks to the kindly cooperation of the local churches and pastors to the local B.S.U. situation.

Too, it would be unfair in making a summary statement to fail to mention the wonderful spirit of brotherliness and helpfulness that our State B. S. U. Secretary, Charles Horner, has shown the local work. The sterling character of Charlie's Christian demeanor will set a pattern which I hope to use as a guide in a similar role in Arkansas. Tennyson said in the passing of Arthur, "The old order changeth, giving way to the new." Truly the lines are appropriate, for your B. S. U. Secretary at Southern has always been grateful to the local churches and the State Mission Board for providing nine years (altogether) in student ministry in Mississippi.

RILEY MUNDAY

### R. E. W. AT SOUTHERN

"Religious Discipline — Response and Restraint" was the theme of Religious Emphasis Week at Mississippi Southern January 24-28.

Mr. Robert S. Denny, Associate Southwide BSU Secretary, Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. W. C. Fields, Pastor of Yazoo City's First Baptist Church, were the Baptist members of the REW team. Mr. Riley Munday, as Christian Federation Counselor, led in plans for the week.

### Focus Week At M.C. Highlight Of Years

The Mississippi College Focus Week of 1954 with "Christ the Great Difference" as its theme has been held. The Week was one of the highlights of several years at M. C. Mr. Charles Tolbert, Student Secretary, and the student and faculty committees did a wonderful job of preparation and of implementation of the program and of arrangements. Included on the team were Bill Cody, Nashville; Joseph Bartlett, N. O. Seminary; Andy Blane, U. of Ky.; Mrs. J. O. Williams, Nashville; Dr. S. B. Platt, Columbus; Dr. Carl Giers, Chattanooga; Miss Estelle Slater, Nashville; Mr. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City; Dr. Vernon Musselman, U. of Ky., and Mr. Pollard White, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Tuesday night of Kentucky's recent State Evangelistic Conference was designated as "Youth Night." Two students and the State BSU Choir participated in the program.

### Thought For The Month

There is only one formula for success and it is this: (Proverbs 3:5-6). "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

RITA McDOWELL  
State BSU Devotional Chairman

### MISSION CONFERENCE IS SLATED

March 5 and 6 is the date of the annual Mission Conference at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

This conference is designed for college students interested in missions.

Students and student leaders interested in attending are urged to write John Petry, Box 6060, Seminary Hill Station, Ft. Worth 15, Texas, not later than Feb. 23.

Program personalities include Edna Frances Dawkins, Frank K. Means and Elmer S. West, of the Foreign Board; ten foreign missionaries; Dr. Cal Guy, of Southwestern Seminary; Dr. H. Guy Moore, Ft. Worth, and Dr. Courts Redford and two missionaries of the Home Mission Board.

Six Blue Mountain students joined the local church last month.

### MISS LEAVELL REPORTS OLE MISS ACTIVITIES

We are in the process of setting up a Brotherhood for Ole Miss Men. The Sunday School work, sponsored by Rufus Dalton, has been showing marked improvement in the interest in the Assembly programs. Our Freshman Council, which meets each Thursday night, has certainly caught the "BSU Spirit". They are taking over the responsibility for the visitation among all Freshmen for all phases of enlistment during February. This council is also planning and will direct the Welcome Party for Freshmen and Transfer students. They planned the Noon-day programs for the third week in January and used only Freshmen to participate in the programs. . . which by the way . . . were excellent!

An interesting thing has happened in the YWA. Our President, Mary Louise Bell, is graduating and leaving us immediately. The YWA nominating committee offered two names for vote and Patricia Ward, a Freshman of unusual ability and leadership, was chosen to be president for the rest of this school year.

MARIAN LEAVELL  
Ole Miss.

### CONDUCTING MISSION

Delta State's BSU is conducting a mission Sunday School and the Worship Service for a mission near Cleveland. Fifty-three of 228 Baptist students at Delta State belong to a local church.

### EVANGELISM, FIRST

Preoccupation with a multitude of important duties cannot sidetrack the zealous Christian, for he realizes that evangelism is the first and fundamental Christian responsibility.

THE INFORMER

## Fourteen Missionaries, \$2000 Is 1954 Student Mission Program

The 22 BSU's of the State, together with interested friends, have recently set a goal of 14 Student Summer Missionaries and at least \$2,000 for their expenses as the 1954 Student Summer Missions program for Mississippi.

One student is to be selected for work in Jamaica, three for western United States, and ten for work in Mississippi, primarily among the negroes. Vacation Bible School experience is desired for the applicants.

BSU leaders are urged to make arrangements for their SSM offering soon.

### Retreat For Officers To Meet April 23-25

James Breland, BSU Director for Delta State, is the Chairman of the Program Committee for the annual State Retreat for BSU Officers April 23-25, 1954. The place of meeting is not yet decided.

Others on the committee are Bobby Hall, Miss. State, and Bradley Pope, Mississippi College.

"May God Depend on You?" will be both the theme and the hymn for the Retreat.

Further information regarding the Retreat will be given soon.

### HOME MISSIONS WEEK MARCH 1-5

The Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for Home Missions comes Mar. 1-5. We of the BSU are heartily in support of this annual emphasis. Our prayer is that all of us Miss. Baptists will respond to the appeals made, not merely with tears but with sacrificial giving and living.

### MANY DEDICATIONS MADE

Mrs. George Nichols, BSU Director for Co-Lin Jr., reports that 16 students dedicated their lives to full-time religious work and 245 to the Christian way of life during the recent Religious Emphasis Week on the campus.

### WANTS SEC'Y FOR JACKSON At First, Hattiesburg

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Dr. Chester Swor writes a much-appreciated letter of a wish which he has "cherished often" for a City-Wide B. S. U. Secretary for Jackson. We are continuing to pray for one and are doing all we know to do to get one on the field. Pray for the pastors and churches of Jackson and for us in this matter.

### MISS. STATE STUDENT SAVED

One student was converted, four joined the Starkville Church from Miss. State last month. There are 109 new Baptist students this semester. Lenno Powell and Eddie Fretchie, of Miss. College recently presented programs on missions to the Sunday School and Training Union and \$45.83 was collected for Student Summer Missions.

Four East Miss. Jr. students have volunteered for Bible School work, two for organizing dormitory prayer meetings, according to Scooba pastor T. R. Coulter, Jr.



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## MISS. COLLEGE FACULTY AND STUDENTS LEAD STUDY COURSES AT VICKSBURG, FIRST

Several students and faculty members of the Mississippi College helped the First Baptist Church of Vicksburg in a Training Union Study Course last week.

Dr. Norman O'Neal, Professor of Religious Education, taught the BAPTIST A D U L T UNION MANUAL each night.

Mr. Charles Tolbert, B. S. U. Student Secretary, enlisted students to teach several courses. Willard Whoberry taught the Junior leaders, Lenno Powell taught young people, Miss Mary Hicks taught Juniors and Miss Susan Jackson taught Intermediates. All are students at the college.

Ellis Bryan, Director of Christian Education of the Vicksburg church, reports that the church leaders were highly pleased with the excellent service given by these students.

J. M. Lanmon, professor of adolescent psychology, at the school talked to the Intermediate workers one night on understanding the characteristics of that age group. C. W. Scott, Director of Guidance and professor of Education, talked to the Intermediate workers one night on helping the boys and girls find answers to their questions and personal problems. The Intermediate workers and parents found these two special sessions especially helpful.

Dr. John G. McCall is pastor of this church.

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### CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

BY REV. LEON V. YOUNG

Called and Accepted:  
Earl Hanson, Pilot Knob, Summerfield, Missouri.

Alford A. Thornton, Calvary, Jefferson City, Mo., from Pilot Knob, Summerfield, Mo.

E. A. Forderhane, First, Clinton, Mo., from First, DeSoto, Mo. James W. Cox, Central, Johnson City, Tenn., from Memorial, Frankfort, Ky.

Albert S. Hale, Memorial, Puckles, Va., from High Point, N. C.

Joseph N. Causey, Southside, South Norfolk, Va., from Southern Seminary.

L. R. Stagg, First, DeQuincy, La., from First, Houma, La.

Jerry M. Green, South, Winfield, La., from Union Hill, near Montgomery, La.

Loyd Brown, First, Calhoun, La., from Oak Grove, La.

Frank Mobley, Renwick Mission, Monroe, La., from Louisiana College.

Claude F. Rutherford, New Hope, Ala., from First, Dovick, Ala.

L. W. Stamps, Moody, St. Clair Association, Alabama, from New Hope, Ala.

E. E. Brown, Lakewood, Birmingham, Ala., from Thomasville, Ga.

B. H. Eustis, First, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, from First, Siloam Springs, Ark.

Vernon M. Bellue, Calvary, Batesville, Ark.

C. R. Trammell, First, McRae, Ark.; from First, Steel Bridge, Ark.

Fulton B. Bryan, First, Blounts-



MRS. GLENN VARNER

### JOINS CALHOUN CITY CHURCH STAFF

Mrs. Glenn Varner of Mounds, Illinois, recently was added to the staff of First Church, Calhoun City as Church and Finance Secretary.

Mrs. Varner is a talented musician. The daughter of Deacon and an active member of First Church of Mounds for eleven years and is a volunteer for Christian Service.

Mr. Varner is serving in the U.S. Air Force and is located in France. They plan to continue their education after his tour of duty.

Rev. Clarence Cutrell is the Calhoun City pastor.

town, Ga., from Tingal, Ga. George M. Mimms, First, Orange Park, Fla.

Richard C. Johnson, First, Blackshear, Ga., from First, New Providence, Ga.

Rober F. Polk, First, Robstown, Texas, from First, Hawkins, Texas.

Harold E. Lindsay, First, Waco, Texas, from First, Shawnee, Okla. C. K. Rand, Conrad Memorial, High Point, N. C., from Home Mission Bard.

Carlton Cox, Blowing Rock, N. C., from Merrimac Ave., Asheville, N. C.

Ray Meyers, Walnut Hill, Harriman, Tenn., from Madison Ave., Maryville, Tenn.

Paul Strickland, South Hill, Va., from Chapman, Mo. Baptist Hospital.

Russell W. Wallace, Seattle, Washington, from First, Harrisburg, Ill.

James Dillard, Jr., First Blayton Ga., from First, Coluit, Ga.

W. A. Brooks, Central, Crockett, Texas from Second, Victoria, Tex.

P. A. Powell, Friendship, Abeline, Tex. from First, Goodnight

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## Three Generations To Carry On \$2,000 Initial Gift



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Shown in the picture from left to right, Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, W. B. Thompson, Dr. W. L. Thompson, W. L. Thompson, Jr., and Rev. W. Otis Seale. Rev. W. Otis Seale is the Itta Bena pastor.

### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

February 22 — State Planning Meeting for Associational Music Directors and Missionaries; Miss Sammie Campbell, Baptist Building.

February 23 — Rev. Earl Brooks; Lamar Associational Chairman of Evangelism; H. L. Lackey, Calhoun Associational Brotherhood President.

February 24 — Mr. Hollis B. Todd, Mississippi College faculty; Mrs. J. P. Love, Holmes Associational W.M.U. Superintendent.

February 25 — Allison Bell, Trustee Blue Mountain College; G. L. Myrick, Attala Associational Training Union Director.

February 26 — Miss Nelda Trigg, Baptist Building; Rev. R. L. Page, Alcorn Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

February 27 — Jewel Hannah, Student Secretary, Woman's College; Rev. Artis Brewer, Jasper Associational Organizer of Evangelism.

February 28 — Carey Sansing, Representative, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Clay Association; Max Dorr, Clarke, State BSU Council.

of course offerings to meet student demands in the light of service and professional opportunities.

### Purvis Bldg. Fund Day Exceeds \$1,000 Goal

First Church, Purvis, observed a special Building Fund Day on January 31. A goal of \$1,000 was made and also a goal of 200 people contributing.

Special prayer services were held with people on their knees praying for victory.

Final tabulations showed an offering of \$1136, making a total of \$1776 during January. In the last year, the church has raised \$12,000 for the purpose of building an educational building. The chairman of the finance committee voiced a prayer thanking God for the victory. Rev. Paul H. Leber is the pastor.

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### New Stewardship Posters Available

Would you like to have one or two of the beautiful large posters, "Give An Account of Thy Stewardship" for your church?

These posters, temporarily out-of-print, are now available and your request, addressed to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Box 530, Jackson, will receive immediate attention.

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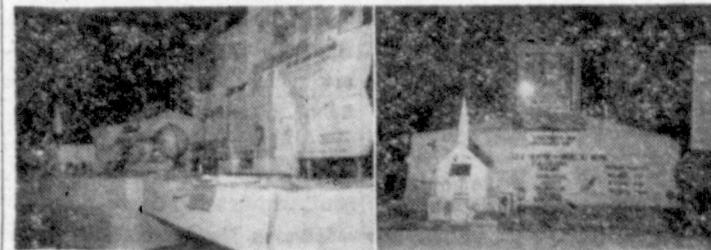
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Springfield (Scott)	125	70
Richland (Rankin)	129	51
Jackson—		
Ridgecrest	218	93
West Jackson	289	117
Daniel Memorial	635	291
Crestwood	659	437
Southside	372	157
Van Winkle	487	269
Broadmoor	415	175
Robinson St.	170	
First	1413	543
North Side	485	117
Paul Truitt Memorial		
(Rankin County)	161	119
Byram (Hinds)	195	150
Jackson, Calvary	1403	392
Mission	93	48
Jackson, Parkway	1122	493
Pearl (Rankin)	152	99
Kosciusko, First	810	325
Meridian, 41st Ave.	371	105
Petal, First	132	76
Laurel, Second Ave.	459	117
Hattiesburg, Main St.	1009	365
Laurel, West	439	147
Laurel, First	621	154
Laurel, Wildwood	184	74
Nola (Lawrence)	67	62
Pascagoula, First	880	338
Main Church	703	256
Jackson Ave. Chapel	78	32
McArthur Chapel	73	31
Orange Grove Chapel	26	19
Stonewall	166	99
Yazoo City, First	486	182
Fair River (Lincoln)	114	63
Purvis, First	252	63
Harmony (Tippah)	100	70
Holly Bluff	118	80
Hardy (Grenada)	99	86
Greenwood, Calvary	439	184
Darling	77	45
Biloxi, Trinity	191	62
Brockhaven, Hamilton St.	111	89
Siloam (Simpson)	82	38
Laurel, Harmony	134	66
Bethlehem (Jones)	196	119
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	438	108
Clarksdale	359	68
Raymond	203	80
Taylorville	158	93
New Prospect (Lincoln)	158	102
Long Beach	272	108
Main Church	234	
29th St. Mission	38	
Crowder	171	98
Calhoun City, First	378	162
West Point, Calvary	234	135
West Point, West End	120	74
New Albany	639	156
Oxford, North	174	105
Concord (Choctaw)	113	80
Chester (Choctaw)	85	40
Grenada, Emmanuel	292	116
Main Church	269	103
Futheyville Chapel	23	13
Grenada, First	607	157
Hebron (Grenada)	104	79
Columbus, East End	234	92
Vicksburg, First	617	205

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Realizing the need of his church being well informed, there was a display unveiled so the church could get a vivid picture of the work "To the uttermost parts of the earth." It showed Christ as head of the church. Then the open Bible in front as the message to the church. Growing out of the church was the various phases of the work, also a globe of the world to demonstrate that "The eyes of the world are upon you."

First Church, Quitman  
Celebrates Pastor's  
Twentieth Anniversary

REV. W. L. MEADOWS

Rev. W. L. Meadows began his twenty-first year as pastor of the First Church, QQuQuitman, on Feb. 7.

In appreciation for 20 years of faithful service, as pastor of First Church, Quitman, a recognition service was held at the morning service on February 7, with W. Z. Huggins presiding.

Mr. Huggins spoke of the invaluable services rendered by Pastor Meadows to the First Church and to the people of Quitman and Clarke county.

During the years 1934-34, 980 members have been received into the church by baptism and church letter; the church budget has grown from \$6,342 to \$31,418; gifts to missions from \$852 to \$9,584 per year.

An Admiral Console model television set was presented to the pastor and his family.

February 7, 1954

West Point, First 610 189

Wayside (Yalobusha) 49

Hickory Flat 178 85

Petal-Harvey 389 175

Main Church 370

Harvey 19

Greenwood, Calvary 454 183

Skene 119 54

Olive Branch 136 75

Corinth, Tate Street 326 115

Picayune, Roseland Park 150 67

Zion (Pontotoc) 122 65

Pleasant Ridge (Chickasaw) 83 59

Lellow Leaf (Lafayette) 79 69

Tupelo, Harrisburg 551 232

Kosciusko, First 924 322

West Point, Calvary 246 125

New Albany 527 165

Long Beach, First 271 115

Main Church 230

29th St. Mission 41 157

Meridian, South Side 407 157

Charleston 395 125

Philadelphia, First 396 116

Amity (Chickasaw) 63 49

Ellison Ridge 84 42

Harmony (Tippah) 108 67

West Point, West End 110 58

Petal, First 106 66

Lumberton 200 112

Dr. W. R. Cooper To Be  
Honored On 80th Birthday

Dr. W. R. Cooper, retired pastor of Jackson, will be eighty years old Sunday, February 21. In observance of this special birthday his daughters are honoring him with a reception from three to five o'clock in the afternoon at Parkway Church, where he is a member.

All friends of his are invited to attend, especially those from churches where he has been pastor; persons who were brought to Christ through his ministry, and couples for whom he performed the wedding ceremony.

When he retired six years ago Dr. Cooper had been in the pastorate for fifty years. Mississippi pastorate include Tylertown, Drew, Blue Mountain, Columbia, Sumner, Itta Bena, Grenada and Belzoni.

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MT. MANNA CHURCH  
HAS NEW BUILDING

The Mt. Manna Church in Tate Association has completed its new building and dedicated it.

It has four educational rooms. There is about 500 indebtedness at present.

The church has ordained Paul H. Godsey into the full Gospel Ministry. N. A. Thompson, of Memphis, Edward R. Black of Forrest City, Arkansas, Rev. John B. Adair, pastor, with the deacons of Mt. Manna and Hickory Grove Church made up the Presbytery.

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## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

East Philadelphia  
Is No. 1084

For a few weeks the Baptist Record has been going to the East Philadelphia Church on trial. The church has now adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan, but in notifying the Mailing Department, Pastor Stanley B. Barnett sent several new names to be added. His explanation was "for fear we might leave some out."

Record readers in Neshoba County are now listed as follows:

ANTIOCH, 36; Bond, 11; COLD-WATER, 59; Deemer, 17; DIXON, 24; Emmanuel, 18; HIGH HILL, 43; Hope, 3; LAUREL HILL, 20; LINWOOD, 47; McDonald, 1; NESHOBA, 34; NEW BLACK JACK, 23; NEW HARMONY, 24; PHILADELPHIA, FIRST, 321; PHILADELPHIA, BEACON STREET, 76; PHILADELPHIA, EAST, 60; SARDIS, 27; SPRING'S CREEK, 76; New Bethel, 19.

Trial Plan Works  
And How!!!

Evidently the Trial Plan worked at Gaston Church in Prentiss county, and then some. After having the Baptist Record on trial a few weeks, the pastor, Rev. Hayward Moore, wrote asking that the church be added to the EVERY FAMILY List.

A few days later another letter came adding nine more names to the list. This should be a good hint to some church.

Record readers in Prentiss county are now listed as follows: BALDWYN, 68; BOONEVILLE, 246; CANDLER'S CHAPEL, 25; East Prentiss, 1; GASTON, 32; MT. OLIVE, 69; OSBURN CREEK, 34; THRASHER, 20; WHEELER, 39; Pleasant Ridge, 17; SRH-LOH, 27.

## Ridgeland Is No. 1085

A recent addition to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is Ridgeland Church, located between Jackson and Madison. The pastor is Rev. L. B. Cooper.

They had the Baptist Record for a few weeks on trial and the usual thing resulted—they adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Record readers in Madison county are now listed as follows:

CAMDEN, 22; CANTON, FIRST, 320; CANTON, CENTER TERRACE, 195; FARMHAVEN, 46; FLORA, 81; Franklin, 2; Good Hope, 13; LULA, 23; MADISON, 62; LONE PINE, 28; DEDGELAND, 25; Damascus, 18.

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## Chicora Pastor Testifies

One of the latest churches to join the growing list of churches having the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is the First Church of Chicora. Rev. James P. Gilbert is the pastor. In notifying the Baptist Record that the church had adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan, Pastor Gilbert writes:

"The First Baptist Church, Chicora, wants the Baptist Record on the EVERY FAMILY Plan. They appreciate observing what other churches are doing and they find ideas that help them in their own church. It helps to keep our eyes lifted above our own local church. And remember that the 'field is the world.'

"This new church still meets in a tent, but has poured the foundation for a building; the roof shouldn't be too far off. Our people are satisfied that The Baptist Record is an essential for every Baptist Church."

Record readers in Wayne county are now listed as follows: CALvary, 86; BIG CREEK, 43; BUCATUNNA, 38; CLARA, 48; CLEAR CREEK, 25; Coyt, 6; EVERGREEN, 45; MT. ZION, 55; Pleasant Grove, 4; STATE LINE, 44; Waynesboro, First, 4; ZION REST, 20; Yellow Creek, 4.

Another Seminary  
Student Comes Through

It is our experience that most of the student pastors of our seminaries are quite progressive. One evidence of this is that most of them, sooner or later, lead their churches to adopt the EVERY FAMILY PLAN of the Baptist Record.

One of the latest to do this is Rev. W. S. Garmon, pastor of the Ford's Creek Church in Pearl River county.

A few weeks ago he asked that the Record be sent on trial so that his people might become acquainted with the Baptist Record. The result was the usual one. The church voted to make the Baptist Record a part of its program.

Record readers in Pearl River County are now listed as follows:

BETHEL, 78; CARRIERE, 37; CIRINTH, 63; Gainville, 1; GOODYEAR, 66; Harmony, 11; JUNIPER GROVE, 6; NAPOLEON, 25; NEW HENLEYFIELD, 35; OAK HILL, 41; PICAYUNE, FIRST, 327; PINE GROVE, 77; POPLARVILLE, FIRST, 130; ROSELAND PARK, 46; SANTA ROSA, 40; STEEP HOLLOW, 48; UNION, 29; WHITE SAND, 28; West Poplarville, 15; ZION HILL, 26; Crane Creek, 3; FORD'S CREEK, 27; NEW PALESTINE, 80; OLIVE, 35.

## Damascus Is In

After trying the Baptist Record for a few weeks, Damascus Church in Madison County did what most others do. They adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Rev. Norman Deaton is the pastor.

Record readers in Madison County are now listed as follows:

CAMDEN, 22; CANTON, FIRST, 320; CANTON, CENTER TERRACE, 195; FARMHAVEN, 46; FLORA, 81; Franklin, 2; Good Hope, 13; LULA, 23; MADISON, 62; LONE PINE, 28; Ridgeland, 5; Damascus, 18.

## 306 Converts Reported

(Continued From Page One) stalk walls and thatched roofs, were behind the street walls. The people are friendly but dress and live much as they did centuries ago. The Baptist pastor there, a native but well trained, is the chief man of the city, according to Brother Webb, and is the only man with any knowledge of medicine. He has a well organized church and two boys from his church won 1st and 2nd prizes in the National Bible Sword Drill.

Back in Guatemala City we attended prayer services in one of the churches the Lottie Moon Christmas offerings helped to build. On the walls of the church were Standard Sunday School and Standard W. M. U. charts, both partly filled out. In Guatemala we have 17 churches and 116 preaching stations or missions. The workers are in need of four more bicycles, \$70 each, and two motorcycles, \$450 each. These, according to Bro. Webb, would make possible the workers there doing twice the work they are now doing.

Bro. Webb directs our work in Honduras. In this nation there are only two roads, he said. He and others have to ride mule back to their appointments. There are 31 churches and missions. They need four more mules for the workers there.

## Panama

We stopped for awhile in San Salvador and Managua and reached Panama City Jan. 28. Dr. R. G. Van Royan, our missionary there had, after much prayer assigned us to the churches where we were to work, preaching and teaching organization work. Eight were assigned to work in the very large area of Bocas Del Toro, just south of Costa Rica, and eight were assigned to the Canal Zone and to the Republic of Panama. The revival services began on January 31 and continued through Feb. 7.

On Monday, Feb. 8, all the workers, including local pastors, met for a dinner meeting in First Church of Balboa, and for reports. There were 98 professions of faith in the First Baptist Church of Cristobal where the writer preached.

Every preacher reported a wonderful response and most interesting experiences. Those working in the Bocas Del Toro churches had to ride to some of their appointments on the train furnished them by the United Fruit Company. Mr. Estes won the engineer to Christ and before leaving for home gave the engineer his \$22 Bible, praying that many will thru the years become Christians thru the reading of it.

The total report revealed 401 professions of faith, 306 for baptism, 1 by letter, 484 rededications. Some churches reported 100 per cent tithers. Two more have enrolled in Sunday school than church membership.

**Baptists Established**  
The Panama government has recognized Baptists and has recently given them the same protection, security and right to hold property free of taxation that other



Shown above are a part of the Mississippians at New Orleans Theological Seminary for the current session. This Mississippi Club picture was taken during recent Missionary Day activities on the campus.

## Conference Speaker

Rev. W. R. Grigg, secretary of Negro Work, Louisiana Baptist Convention, will be one of the featured speakers on the program of the series of Inter-Racial Conferences to be held next week, Feb. 22-26, it has been announced by Dr. W. A. Keel, of Jackson, secretary of Negro Work, who will direct the meetings.

The conferences will be held in six centers of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and will feature stewardship and expansion with a view to a better working relation-

ship between the two races.

The conferences will be sponsored by the State Convention Board and the Mississippi Semi-



REV. W. R. GRIGG

nary of which Dr. Herbert L. Lang is president.

The week's schedule will include Monday, Central Center, Jackson; Tuesday, southeast center, Hattiesburg; Wednesday, northwest center, Mound Bayou; Thursday, Waynesboro Center; and Friday, Meridian and Tupelo Centers.

In addition several Negro colleges will be visited by the traveling group.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the sixth annual session of the Hinds County Association. It was held with the Clinton Church on October 23, 1953. The next session will be held at Byram Church on October 22, 1954. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

For February 21

### THE MAN BORN BLIND

Bible Text: John 9.

#### I. BLIND.

How very much those unfortunates miss, to be sure! They live in a colorless world where no roses bloom, no apple blossoms hold the eyes with their sheer loveliness. In the back yard at my home are some plum trees given to me while they were sprouts by a kind neighbor. Last spring my wife looked at them through a window one morning while they were in full bloom, called me to look at them, and said, "They are worth all the trouble you took for them if they never bear one plum! They are so lovely in bloom." A thing no blind person could see.

Before I sat at this typewriter on this Sunday morning, I watched the saffron glow on the sky grow into the great sun. All the blind must miss. You have no doubt risen in the early morning to see "Jocund Day stand tiptoe on the misty hill-tops and have stood still with awed soul to watch the fading glories of the sunset," and have not thought how happy your lot in being able to drink the beauty of it as compared with that of the person who is blind. The light of love in the faces of the dear ones, the green-carpeted meadows and sloping hillsides upon which a thousand cattle graze, the congregated peoples brought into one vast company on behalf of some great civic cause or called by His Spirit to worship God, how great the darkness of those whose eyes see not!

And even more pitiable is that case of those the eyes of whose hearts are blind to the beauties of the God whom no man has seen or can see! those who walk through God's great world from the cradle to the grave and never see the beneficent hand of God or even His footprints where He has walked among the hearts of men.

#### II. A MAN BORN BLIND

On the morning of a Sabbath day long, long ago our Lord was passing the spot where such a man was sitting and, maybe, stopped and regarded the blind man for a moment. And our Lord's disciples asked Him saying, "Teacher, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?" Had these Jewish young men who were following the Lord and learning of Him heard of the far eastern belief that the soul is born into a different body as often as the old body dies? or did some of them believe that it was possible for a person to sin before he was born? "Oh!" I hear you say, "Nobody has little sense enough to believe that!" Soft, my brother, my sister, I heard a primitive Baptist preacher argue that very thing at the railroad station over at Union in Newton County years ago, and he had plenty of sense. Our Lord did not undertake to answer this question, because it was not the important matter. What would the answer to the question

have amounted to; and the same question might be asked concerning a long list of other questions which brother preachers and other Bible wiseacres vex themselves withal, such as the identity of Cain's wife, the identity of Melchizedek, the time of the Lord's return, and whether men commit the unpardonable sin by repeatedly neglecting to become a Christian and whether all the heathen will go to hell.

Here at the temple was a man in distressful condition, and the Lord of Life came by in the act of doing His Father's work. The Father's work includes the effort of the Almighty to secure the happiness of His children. I do not believe He wants a single one of them to live in misery. God would have all blind men and women see. God would have all cripples walk uprightly. God would have all men live as he desires they should; in His own image and likeness. And here in the person of His Son our Savior, God the Father brings this blind beggar to both the physical and mental and spiritual state in which He wants this blind man to abide.

Look at the man sitting there seeing none of the passers-by, a man who had never seen the face of his mother, who did not know there was healing for him so that he could see who did not believe on the Son of Man. So the Lord of Light and knowledge and eternal life showed the interest of God in the blind man's behalf, with the result that he obeyed the Lord as the first step-out in a faint faith that what he was asked to do might do, at least, no harm and got such result from a slight trust in the directions of an unseen stranger that, in a brief while he was saying: "I see!" "I know" "I believe."

I do not know how small a measure of faith is required to save a lost man. By no personal experience do I want to know, but here certainly is a lesson to the effect that, if only the faith is sincere, if it is real to the extent that a person is willing to act upon it, the Lord will reward it in abundant measure. Here certainly is a case like that of the man who was plowing in a field and all unexpectedly found a treasure, which he immediately realized had great value so that he bought that field. This poor blind beggar left home that Sabbath morning with no least idea that he was that day to become a man of normal sight, of heart cleansed from sin, a follower and staunch defender of the Lord against his enemies, an outcast and sufferer on account of his uncompromising stand for the truth.

#### III. THE DELIBERATELY BLIND

I get sorry for them as I do for every other person who deliberately loses the eyes against the light, yields himself to the delusion of the devil to believe a lie. They believe they are doing right in their effort to suppress the truth. The advocates of error have always been willing to persecute those who oppose them and their pretensions. These proud Pharisees were the people who thought themselves to be the repositories of the truth not only, but the only people who should be teaching it, and that it was their

## Good Stewards Increase Talents



None of the women of the Shady Grove Church in Lincoln County buried their talents, but each one was increased from three to twenty fold.

Each of the thirteen members were given a dollar by the pastor, Rev. John W. Flowers, who asked that they put the dollar to work for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Sewing, crocheting, poultry and stock raising were employed in the project, resulting in the largest offering the W.M.S. has ever raised for Foreign Missions.

Similar projects have been worked out for the new year with efforts for an increased offering.

Statistics released this week by the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information, Baptist Sunday School Board, revealed that 361,835 people were baptized by Southern Baptist churches in 1953, bringing our total membership to 7,886,016. This represented a gain of 2.1 per cent in baptisms and 3.3 per cent in membership over 1952.

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